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Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) would like to extent an invitation for engagement in an online consultation survey as part of their consultation on immigration levels for 2022. Every year, IRCC engage with a wide range of stakeholders from across the country to help shape the national vision for immigration and contribution to Canada's next Immigration Levels Plan.

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Information

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SARM has received the report of the Review Panel concerning the Pest Management Regulatory Agency's (PMRA) decision on the Notice of Objection to the decision to cancel the use of strychnine to control the Richardson's ground squirrels over a three-year phase-out period.

Based on the finding of the review panel, PMRA decided to maintain the existing phase-out calendar for the cancellation of the use of strychnine to control Richardson's ground squirrels with the last day of use on March 4, 2023.

The information note *can be found here* and in the *Public Registry*.

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SPSA: May Fire Commissioner Update

On May 26, 2022, SPSA had their May meeting to discuss:

- The Minimum Standards Guide;
- Public Education;
- The Summer meeting schedule; and
- Addressing questions from the Fire Sector.

SPSA has passed along a copy of the meeting minutes to circulate to our members. To review the meeting minutes, click the link below.

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The Government of Saskatchewan is renewing its commitment to a strong, resilient and growing forestry sector with the development of a forest Using remote sensing data and the latest technology, areas of the forest can be mapped more quickly than in the past.

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PCC Launches Innovative Program to Target Noxious Weeds with Goats

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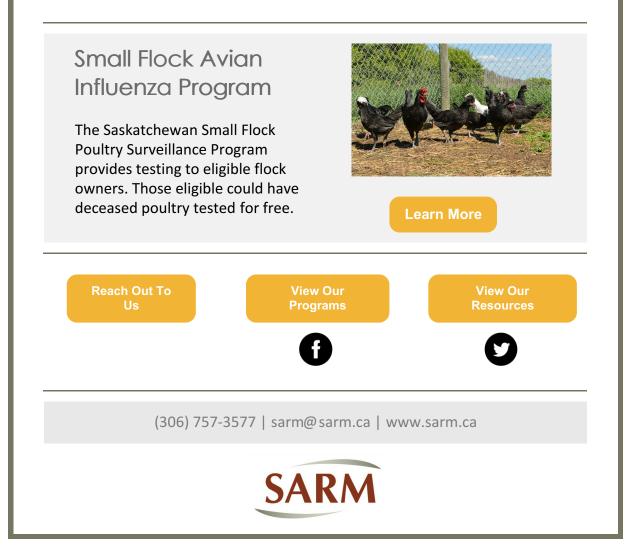
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Building Move Applications

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SGI's Permit Office has advised that they are changing the process of how they handle applications for building moves. Previously the

Permit Office would forward the application to each RM on the building movers' route as a courtesy to notify the RM of the planned large load movement through the RM. It was the RM's responsibility to advise the mover directly if they had any concerns or didn't want the mover to use a particular road for the move. This portion of the process will remain the same.

Effective June 15, 2022, the window for the mover to move the load changed from a 7 day window to a 14 day window of dates to move the

load. If the RM has questions or concerns about when the load will be going through the RM they can continue to contact the building mover directly to have that discussion.

For more information on moving a building on a provincial highway and information on the permit application process, click the link below.



ExploreSask Photo Contest Launch

Tourism Saskatchewan's annual ExploreSask Photo Contest is officially underway and accepting entries as of June 15. Enter photographs or videos of your favourite Saskatchewan adventures for a chance to win great prizes. **The contest runs until September 15, 2022.**





The seven contest categories are:

- **Prairie** Scenic photos from prairie regions; hidden treasures such as valleys, hills and badlands; other natural features displaying the province's diverse geography in any season.
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- Food and Drink Photography of Saskatchewan's vibrant and varied culinary scene, along with brewers and distillers.
- Video Submit an edited piece or single shot video (60 seconds maximum) of Saskatchewan wildlife, people, places and landscapes.

The prize-winning photographer in each category will receive a \$500 Visa gift card. The Grand Prize winner, selected from the six photography category winners, will receive an additional \$500 Visa gift



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For more information, call Tourism Saskatchewan toll-free at 1-877-237-2273 or visit the link below.

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SRC Signs Memorandum of Understanding with KOMIR on Critical Minerals

[On June 15, 2022], the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) and the Korea Mine Rehabilitation and Mineral Resources Corporation (KOMIR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation in the area of critical minerals. The signing ceremony was held at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference in Toronto. Learn more about the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) and the Korea Mine Rehabilitation and Mineral Resources Corporation (KOMIR).

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The MOU lays the framework for a collaborative and strategic approach to cooperation through various key components including:

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Supplemental Program to Aid in Disaster Relief

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Local authorities, such as municipalities, must request designation through the PDAP office to initiate assistance for residents following an extreme weather event. Anyone that has applied to the PDAP program, as a result of the spring storms, will automatically be considered for the supplement and will not require a separate application.

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- Search and Rescue Employees
- Youth (under 30)
- Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management

This is an opportunity for Saskatchewan's emergency management professionals and volunteers to be recognized amongst peers from across the province and Canada.

Nominations can be submitted both federally and provincially, depending on the award category. Members can find more information about the award and the nomination process on the Public Safety Canada website.

The site also includes the stories of previous award recipients. Check them out for some nomination inspiration.

Anyone can be a nominator and it would be great to see Saskatchewan recognized and well represented amongst the nominations.

The deadline to submit nominations is July 1, 2022.

For provincial nominations, please send your completed nomination forms to spsa@gov.sk.ca.

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SK Water Management Organization Survey

Over the past several months the Water Security Agency has been

working with consultants on a twophase review of Water Management Organizations in Saskatchewan, specifically Conservation Area Authorities, Watershed Associations,



Saskatchewan Conservation and Development Association, Watershed Stewardship Groups and the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds. Over time, the role of, and WSA's support for these organizations has evolved, and as such, they are looking to this independent assessment of the groups to help them build a path forward to support an efficient, effective and sustainable watershed services delivery model into the future.

The WSA is currently on phase two of this project which involves broad stakeholder input. The WSA has retained the services of KPMG to complete this phase and they have created a survey for distribution to all water management organizations in Saskatchewan, as well as key stakeholders. They request that you provide input through the survey linked below. The survey will close on **June 30, 2022**.

Partnerships with third-party organizations have always been critical in the management of Saskatchewan's watersheds and will continue to be into the future.

For more information, please see the attached factsheet, or contact:

Jason Signarowski Water Security Agency 306-620-5306 Jason.signarowski@wsas k.ca

OR

Michelle Kealey KPMG LLP 306-791-1592 **mkealey@kpmg.ca**

Take the Survey

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Information

Resolution Responses

SARM received responses from the Ministry of Environment on the following resolutions:

- 14-22A: Mule Deer
- 15-22A: Mule Deer Population Management
- 16-22A: Elk Population Management
- 17-22A: Reducing Elk Damage on Winter Bale Yards
- 18-22A: Management of Overpopulation of Moose
- 19-22A: Continued Use of Strychnine for Control of Richardson's Ground Squirrel

SARM received a response from the Minister Responsible for SGI on the following resolution:

• 4-22A: ATV & Quad Licensing Objection

SARM received responses from the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety on the following resolution:

• 13-22A: Community Safety Officer Funding

SARM received responses from the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure on the following resolution:

• 11-22A: Provincial Funding for Farmland Access from Provincial Highways

Humanitarian Flight to Regina on July 4

The Government of Saskatchewan is planning a humanitarian flight from Warsaw to Regina on July 4, with capacity for 230 passengers. Displaced Ukrainians can now register for the flight directly through *Open Arms*.

Open Arms is the humanitarian organization responsible for the flight registration/selection process. The Government of Saskatchewan is ready to welcome our Ukrainian families and friends to our province.

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Water Security Agency Invests in New Weather and Soil Monitoring Stations

The Water Security Agency (WSA) has invested nearly \$600,000 in new weather and soil monitoring stations in a dozen locations across the province.

Starting in fall 2021, with the cooperation of local landowners, and in partnership with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), WSA installed twelve weather stations in areas where gaps in data gathering networks exist.

The new stations are located near Arcola, Candiac, Radville, Milestone, Francis, Quinton, Holdfast, Hazenmore, Mankota, Climax,



WSA is not only able to help provide relevant data to municipalities and agricultural producers, it also means improved data to help better manage and protect infrastructure and our province's water resources. Klintonel and Shaunavon.

While primarily installed to help monitor and support WSA's flood forecasting operations, these stations will also help SPSA respond to potential hazards like floods, wildfire or even hazardous material spills. Reports containing data from these stations are updated daily and archived every month and can be found *online here*.

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Police and Crisis Team Now Operational in Estevan

The Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and the Estevan Police Service are pleased to announce the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) program is now operational in Estevan.

In total, the ministries of Health and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have invested \$350,000 to develop the PACT initiative in Estevan. PACT is a collaborative effort between government, police and the health authority to change the way mental health emergencies are handled in the community. PACT pairs a mental health professional with a police officer creating a team that is mobile and can respond to stabilize people experiencing mental health crises.

The first PACT was established in 2014 in Saskatoon. The program has been expanded to Regina, Moose Jaw, Yorkton, North Battleford and Prince Albert. In 2021, PACT teams across the province were involved in 2,301 case files with over 1,000 people requiring a crisis intervention.

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Funding to Support Agricultural Water Management Projects

[On June 22, 2022], the Water Security Agency (WSA) announced \$700,000 for Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers to advance responsible agricultural water management projects.



The Agricultural Water Management Fund is a pilot program that supports WSA's Agricultural Water Management Strategy with a goal to help farmers and ranchers create responsibly managed and sustainable agricultural water management networks focused on controlling and organizing water flows.

Applicants can receive up to \$95,000 per project based on a cost-sharing

approach. It can be used for qualified persons support, technical and engineering costs, and mitigation and rehabilitation works for new agricultural water management projects.

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WANTED: Executive Coaching Research Participants

Background:

Kirk Morrison is the CAO for the RM of Meota No. 468. Kirk is currently enrolled in post graduate training at the *Bowen Center for the Study of the Family* in Washington, DC. Kirk will be starting a research project in September 2022 and is looking for three (3) CAO participants from SARM and/or SUMA.

Title: Case Study Pilot Project - Integrating family systems into executive coaching Research Question: What impact does exploring family systems within executive coaching sessions have on leadership functioning? Study Format: 10 monthly executive coaching sessions via zoom commencing in September 2022

Consent: A resolution approving participation in the study is required from Council

Applications Open: July 1, 2022 Applications Close: August 1, 2022

For more information, please contact:

Kirk Morrison, P.Eng Email: *kirk@thinc90.com* Cell: 306-331-8800



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Prairie Watersheds Climate Program

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think

about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

The Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW) is very pleased to be partnering with the Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) to deliver the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program (PWCP), made possible through the Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada On Farm Climate Action Fund. The Manitoba Association of Watersheds (MAW) issued a release on June 23, 2022 that announced the launch of our program, and the Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW) will be delivering this program throughout the province of Saskatchewan. To view the full release, *click here*.

The Prairie Watersheds Climate Program (PWCP) works with producers to increase the implementation of select Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) on farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The BMPs eligible under the PWCP focus on three categories:

- 1. Rotational Grazing
- 2. Nitrogen Management
- 3. Cover Cropping

The fact sheets for each of the three BMP categories that highlight the eligible on farm projects are included below:

- 1. Cover Crops Fact Sheet
- 2. Improving Nitrogen Management Fact Sheet
- 3. Saskatchewan Rotational Grazing Fact Sheet

You can also learn more at *www.saskwatersheds.ca* under the Prairie Watersheds Climate Program tab.

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Public Safety Canada: Industrial Control Systems Security Symposium



Public Safety Canada is excited to announce the next installment of the 2022 Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security Symposium series, Presenters will be given a 30minute time slot for their presentation, followed by a 5minute Q&A session on the topic of which will be held virtually on October 25 and 26 (afternoons, EDT only). Registration information to follow in the Fall.

The theme for October is *Insider Risk*. With increased awareness that the cyber security and physical security realms are intimately intertwined, we are seeking presentations that fit in to the theme of *Insider Risk* from both the cyber and physical security perspectives. Please feel free to share this email with members from your organization responsible for cyber and/or physical security.

Topics could include: Case studies of insider risk incidents within Cl organizations; lessons learned from developing insider risk programs for Cl sites; insider risk in these times of remote working, physical events/consequences caused by employees (intentional or unintentional), etc. Cyber or Physical Insider Risk, and a chance to participate with their fellow presenters for an engaging panel discussion to close out the afternoon.

Use *this link* to submit your abstract **before September 9, 2022.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Public Safety Canada at: *ics-sci@ps-sp.gc.ca* if you have any questions.

PSC looks forward to your continued engagement!

Submit Abstract

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Emergency Management Workshop for Agriculture

Through the Animal Health Emergency Management (AHEM) project, Susan Fitzgerald has developed and is delivering emergency response training programs for agriculture.

Federal and provincial government departments follow a formal **Incident Command System (ICS)** approach when responding to emergencies. This structure is used for emergencies in agriculture such as floods, wildfires, or significant disease outbreaks.

The standard ICS training targets who we think of as first responders, e.g., fire, police, medical. It can be difficult for agriculture stakeholders to see themselves in the framework and examples. Through this AHEM initiative Susan has taken the basic content of the ICS 100 training and adapted it for agriculture including adding agricultural examples and scenarios. She previously did this specifically for Ontario and has now adapted the material for use across Canada.

In September and October, we are hosting three virtual Emergency Management Workshops for Agriculture workshops. Each workshop, led by Susan, will be offered as two three-hour sessions. Participants must attend both portions in order to complete the workshop. There is

